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SUSJ: UPD TELEGRAM TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. ON 5/31/82, THE UNIOAO POPULAR DEMOCRATICA (UPD) NATIONAL LABOR CAMPESINO ORGANIZATION SENT THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO SEN. PERCY, SEN. KASTEN, CONG. CLARENCE LONG, AND CONG. ZABLOCKI:
BEGIN QUOTE: THE 500,000 CAMPESINOS AND WORKERS OF EL SALVADOR REPRESENTED BY THE DEMOCRATIC POPULAR UNION APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR LAND REFORM AND DEMOCRACY FOR OUR COUNTRY. WE AGREE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS THAT LAND REFORM MUST BE COMPLETED AS ORIGINALLY DECREED IN DECREE 207 AS OF APRIL 28, 1980 BEFORE AID IS DISBURSED TO EL SALVADOR. HOWEVER, AS SOON AS THE SALVADORAN CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AGREES TO CANCEL THE EXEMPTION FOR GRAIN AND CATTLE, WE URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR ALL AID TO EL SALVADOR PROPOSED IN FISCAL YEAR 1983 BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. THE 1982 ASSISTANCE LEVEL WILL BE DETRIMENTAL TO ANO AND SOCIAL REFORM FOR THE PEOPLE OF EL SALVADOR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SOLIDARITY AND UNDERSTANDING. END QUOTE.

3. THE TELEGRAM IS SIGNED BY FRANCISCO ZALDANA (FESINCONSTANS), JOSE LUIS GRANDE PRESA (CTS), SAMUEL MALDONADO (UCS), JORGE CAMACHO (ACOPAI), AND ALVARO REYNOSA (FESACORA).

4. THE TELEGRAM AND THE LANGUAGE WERE APPARENTLY IDEAS OF AIFLO IN WASHINGTON. THE TELEGRAM WAS APPROVED BY THE UPD LEADERSHIP. THE SIGNERS WERE THE SAME LEADERS WHO VISITED WASHINGTON DURING THE WEEK OF 5/24/82.

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END OF MESSAGE

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